

# RIVERSIDE WOODLAND

Let's reclaim our alder groves!



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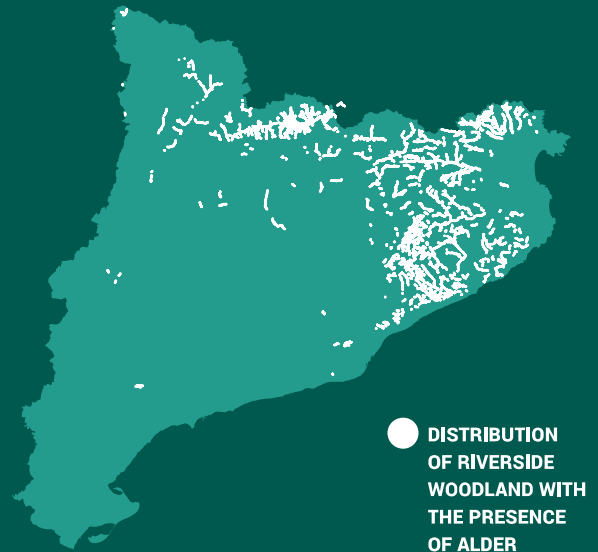


## RIVERSIDE WOODLAND

Riverside woodlands are communities of vegetation growing close to a river. Today, most riverside woodland is deteriorating as a result of human activity. For rivers to continue fulfilling all their ecological functions, **it's vital to regenerate such habitats and ensure their good state of conservation.**

### ALDER GROVES

There are different types of riverside woodland in Catalonia depending on the dominant species: alder, willow or poplar. Alder woods tend to be found in the upper-middle section of rivers. They're in decline and have been greatly altered, leading the European Union to class them as a habit of conservation interest.

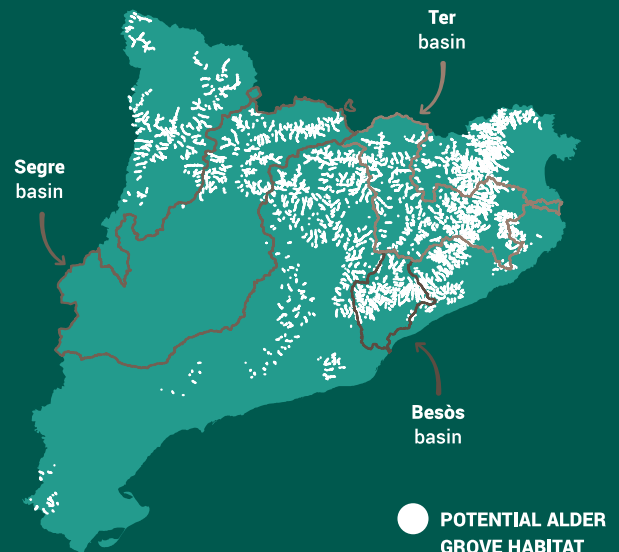


## THE LIFE ALNUS PROJECT

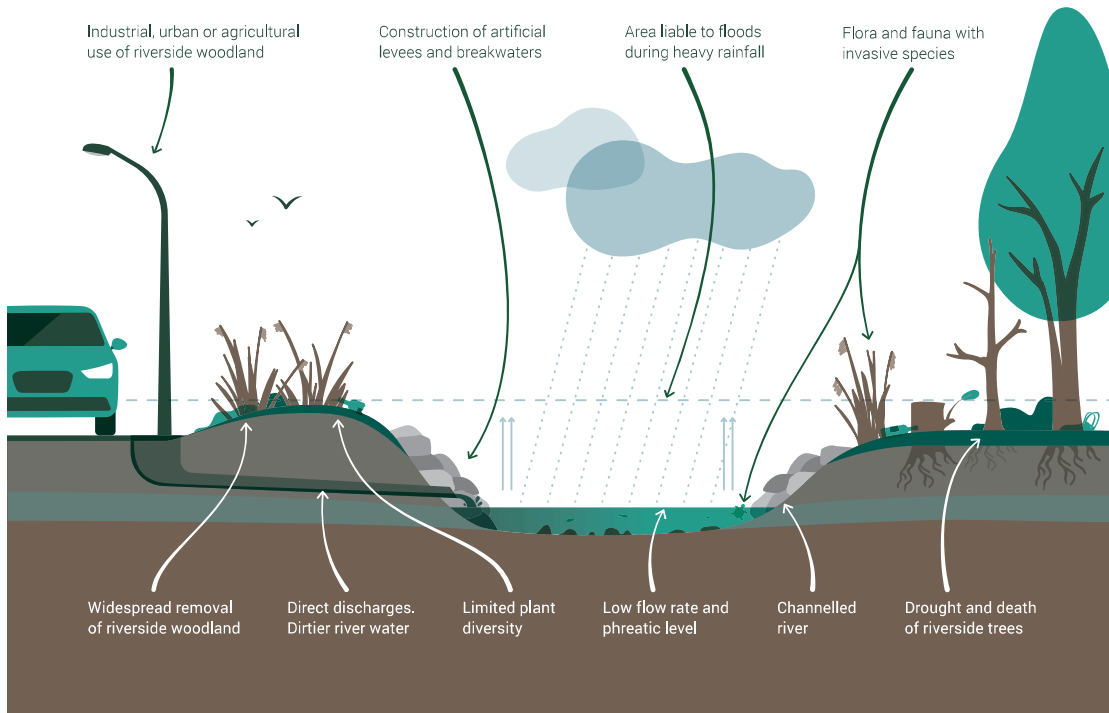
LIFE ALNUS is a project by the European Union to **conserve, regenerate and manage alder groves in Catalonia.**

The project will last up to 2021 and its goal is to create a restoration model that can be rolled out to other Mediterranean areas faced with the same conservation issues.

The project is being carried out along three river basins: Ter, Segre and Besòs.



## BAD STATE OF CONSERVATION



### AND YOU, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As citizens, there are several things we can do to help conserve our riverside woodland:



Don't damage the plants or dispose of waste in these areas



Keep to the signposted tracks



Don't release any non-native fauna into the wild



Report any offences affecting the natural or urban environment

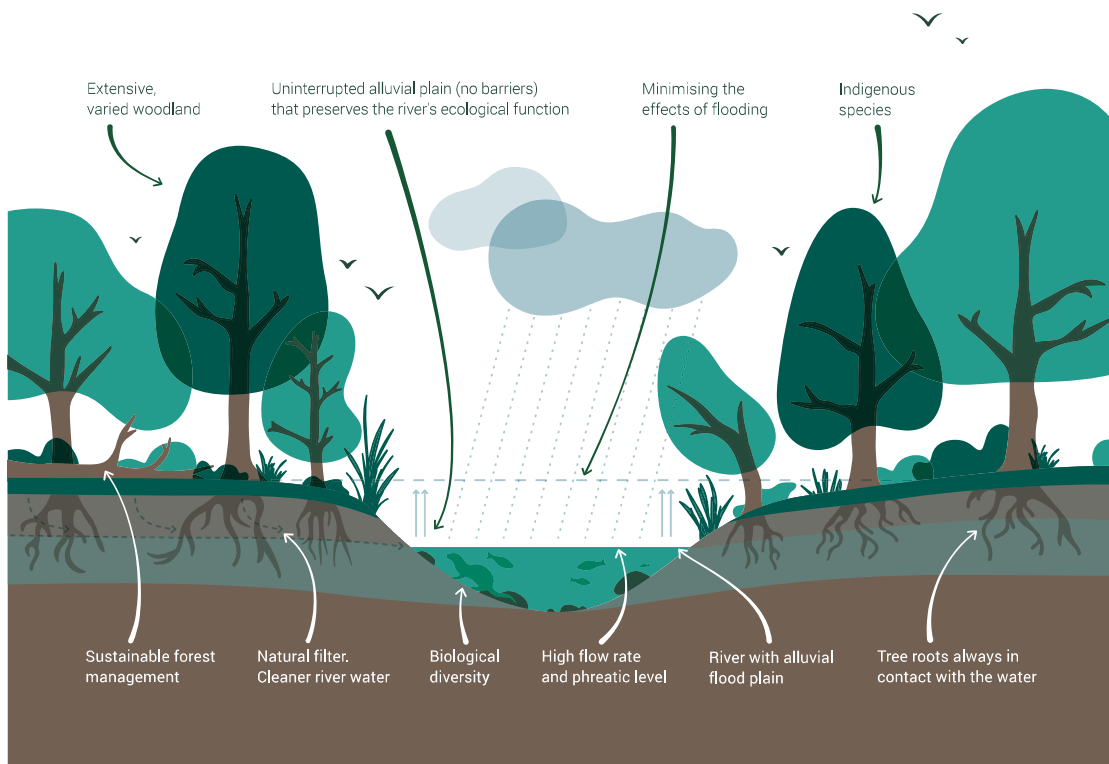


Take part in volunteering campaigns



Enjoy riverside areas with respect

## GOOD STATE OF CONSERVATION





**LIFE is a European Union programme that co-finances projects supporting the environment and sustainable development in areas included in the Natura 2000 Network.**



The Natura 2000 Network protects the European Union's most important natural areas which contain habitats of animal and plant species classed as sites of community importance.

If you'd like more information, visit [www.lifealnus.eu](http://www.lifealnus.eu)

